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What The Matter Is With The Party

There can be no doubt in the mind of any intelligent observer that the Republican party of Oahu has been led into a position of the utmost danger to its ascendancy, which but a short time ago seemed so safe as to be beyond question. The Fourth District is almost aflame with resentment against the methods of party management and the Fifth runs wild on the race issue, with all sorts of rumors of application of the knife to every laole. That the result of it all will be a partial defeat, at least, for the dominant party, seems to be quite certain,—and the defeat is thoroughly deserved.

The lack of popular support for Republicans comes not from maladministration or failure of administration of the affairs of the County. It is not a result of either incompetence, indifference or corruption in the police department, as some would like to have it. The party can safely boast that it has given the County government system a good, successful start. The opponents of the party will not devote much campaign time to attacking the record that has been made. The weakness is almost wholly a matter of political methods. The "machine" is becoming too much for the party to carry. Intelligent voters will not, and should not, submit to be mere tools of an organization in which they have no voice. They will not and should not submit to being ruled by a Boss whose power is based, in the last analysis, on how many jobs he can control and how many grafters he can feed. This does not apply any less to one boss than another. It is a system that has grown up within the party and disgusted the voters. American cities in some cases have stood it for years, but it was because they had not our little provincial closeness of acquaintance with everything that goes on, and didn't know how the trick was being worked. And American cities which stood the bossism for years have frequently rebelled, regardless of party.

A party convention in a city of Honolulu's size with about forty policemen as delegates, is an outrage and an affront. Add to it a lot of road laborers under orders, not from the voters, and there is a situation which quite naturally brings on the gloom that pervades Republican ranks today. Between them, these sorts of forces succeeded in forcing on the party, nominees who would have stood no chance in a primary where the people had a chance to name their choices. And in Honolulu, where the "straight ticket" doctrine, now dead almost everywhere as far as purely municipal matters are concerned, never had much life, the voters have revolted against this sort of thing. Two months ago The Star warned the Republicans against this very danger, telling the organization that the people, upon whom it must finally depend for success, would not submit to be led to the polls for bad candidates merely because they had a Republican label.

It is perfectly evident now that the voters are not going to be led. The light registration in many precincts, as anyone can hear on the street corners, is due in part to the fact that there are many voters so disgusted that they will not vote at all,—it is their way of avoiding the unpleasant experience of voting for the opposition. The machine and graft precincts have registered to the limit.

Job Holders Who Don't Pay Debts

The law relating to the garnishment of the salaries or pay of public employes has been upheld by the Supreme Court. By the law one-fourth of the salary or pay of any public employe may be garnished by a creditor and on final judgment in his favor he applied to the extinguishment of the debt, until the judgment is satisfied. As The Star has frequently made known, there are a considerable number of public employes who have been garnished, and are now drawing seventy-five per cent of their pay while the other twenty-five per cent is going to their creditors. In some cases the employe, if he lives and continues in public employment will have satisfied the judgment in the course of a few years. Six and eight years are the terms of some of these job-holders.

The law is a good one in some particulars. The operation of the garnishment being continuous, the records of the auditors' offices will show just who among public employes don't pay their debts, and how long it will take for the garnisheeing creditor to get his money. These records constitute a list of very great importance to the public. If the public is willing that thirty or forty of its county employes and from fifty to a hundred of its territorial employes shall belong to the garnishee class, it can know just who the individuals are. But it is not to be believed that the public will tolerate any such thing. There ought to be a sentiment in this community that will refuse to condone any such thing. The merchants are more vitally interested in this than anyone else. They ought from motives of self interest to seek to arouse public sentiment on this subject.

There should be no debt shirkers in public employment.

A Move To Be Commended

The efforts of the Agitation Committee of the Anti-Saloon League to promote good tempered, rational discussion of the liquor question is commendable. It is a subject which has come very prominently before the public of the whole territory during the past year in connection with the operation of the liquor license law which was passed by the last legislature. It is a question upon which there has been expression of opinion by sheriffs and other peace officers, grand juries, magistrates and circuit judges, and by many others who have either given observation to the operation of the law and its results, or have sought to draw conclusions from the announced observations of others.

All three of the local political parties have expressed themselves on the subject and have pledged their legislative candidates in more or less ambiguous phrase to "remedy the evils complained of."

Church and other reformatory organizations have pronounced themselves on the subject either in relation to particular phases of the larger question, or in relation to the question at large.

Yet for all that has been said there is a good deal of unstable and fluctuating opinion on the subject in the community. A great many people do not know exactly what they believe on the subject, and not at all what remedy they want applied, if any. It is not to be expected that any discussion of the subject will bring about unanimity. It hasn't anywhere else, and we are not essentially different from other communities. But honest discussion will advance the average sentiment of the community toward a sincerer and more serious stage. It will eliminate from within the purview of legislation some ill advised attempts at dealing with the question. It will very likely bring about a better consensus of opinion as to which is the best direction to at-

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tempt to move public opinion in. The effort is educational; it is intelligent; it is commendable.

Well, Joe Cohen hasn't asked any help yet to get back to the islands.

Wouldn't it jar you if those Mormon voters at Lale should decline to vote for Abraham Fernandez for Supervisor at large?

What's the matter with a new political or social organization to be known as "The United Order of Garnisheed Job Holders?"

Why should it be necessary for candidates or anyone else to urge voters to register, or to take them to the place of registration in a hack?

Oh, well; if the Advertiser thinks it is creditable to the Republican Central Committee to have in its employ a man who insists that he was connected with and a party to crooked prize fights, we will let it go at that.

Chairman Robertson says the Republican Central Committee has no persons connected with prize fighting in its employ. Perhaps it has been able to secure some Sunday School Superintendents to work for it.

The president is quoted as saying that the Cubans are to have one more chance. But what chance have they

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